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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:51 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11509.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FINANCIAL MARKET REGULATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reforming the United States financial market regulation, after receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Glenn English, National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, Arlington, Virginia; Neil M. Schloss, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan; Mark K. Boling, Southwestern Energy Company, Houston, Texas; Jeff Billings, Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia, Kennesaw, on behalf of the American Public Gas Association; and Robert A. Johnson, Roosevelt Institute, New York, New York, on behalf of the Americans for Financial Reform.

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jill Long Thompson, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Lugar, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mark R. Rosekind, of California, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Scott Boyer Quehl, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary, and to be Chief Financial Officer, and Suresh Kumar, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, who was introduced by Senator Lautenberg, both of the Department of Commerce, Philip E. Coyle, III, of California, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Anthony R.

Coscia, of New Jersey, who was introduced by Senators Lautenberg and Menendez, and Albert DiClemente, of Delaware, who was introduced by Senator Kaufman, both to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

MANAGING FEDERAL FORESTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine managing Federal forests in response to climate change, focusing on natural resource adaptation and carbon sequestration, after receiving testimony from Kit Batten, Science Advisor, Office of the Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Beverly Law, Oregon State University, Corvallis; Elaine Oneil, University of Washington School of Forestry, Seattle; and Christopher A. Wood, Trout Unlimited, Arlington, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2778, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize that Act, with an amendment.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary, who was introduced by Senators Boxer, Snowe, and Feinstein and Representative Pelosi, Mary Burce Warlick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, and James B. Warlick, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL DOMINIC "ROCKY" BARAGONA JUSTICE FOR AMERICAN HEROES HARMED BY CONTRACTORS ACT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine S. 526, to provide in personam jurisdiction in civil actions against contractors of the United States Government performing contracts abroad with respect to serious bodily injuries of members of the Armed Forces, civilian employees of the United States Government, and United States citizen employees of companies performing work for the United States Government in connection with contractor activities, after receiving testimony from Tony West, Assistant Attorney

General, Department of Justice; Richard Ginman, Deputy Director for Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, and Uldric I. Fiore, Jr., Director, Soldier and Family Legal Services, Office of the Judge Advocate General, U.S. Army, both of the Department of Defense; Scott Horton, Columbia Law School, New York, New York; Ralph G. Steinhardt, The George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C.; and Dominic Baragona, The Villages, Florida.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 510, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the safety of the food supply, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

The nominations of David Morris Michaels, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor, and Pamela S. Hyde, of New Mexico, to be Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Children and Families: Senators Dodd (Chair), Bingaman, Murray, Reed, Sanders, Brown, Casey, Hagan, Merkley, Alexander, Gregg, McCain, Hatch, Murkowski, Coburn, and Roberts.

Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety: Senators Murray (Chair), Dodd, Mikulski, Brown, Hagan, Merkley, Franken, Bennet, Isakson, Gregg, Burr, McCain, Hatch, and Murkowski.

Subcommittee on Retirement and Aging: Senators Mikulski (Chair), Bingaman, Reed, Sanders, Casey, Franken, Bennet, Burr, Gregg, Alexander, Isakson, and Coburn.

Senators Harkin and Enzi are ex-officio members of each of the Subcommittees.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General, Department of Justice.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Denny Chin, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, Rosanna Malouf Peterson, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, who was introduced by Senators Murray and Cantwell, William M. Conley, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, who was introduced by Senators Kohl and Feingold, and Susan B. Carbon, of New Hampshire, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, who was introduced by Senator Shaheen, and John H. Laub, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the National Institute of Justice, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, both of the Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine easing the burdens for veterans and transitioning Service Members through employment, after receiving testimony from Raymond Jefferson, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training; Lutz Ziob, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington; Captain Peter Wikul, USN, (Ret.), America Works of New York, Inc., and Helen Tymes, National Organization on Disability, both of New York, New York; Joshua Lawton-Belous, Oracle Corporation, Vienna Virginia; and Dexter Daniel, Baltimore, Maryland.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 4099–4112; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 214; and H. Res. 911–919 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 871, directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives certain documents, records, memos, correspondence, and other communications regarding medical malpractice reform (H. Rept. 111–341).

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